

Farming and Housekeeping.

In response to a request to prepare a paper on the foregoing subject, I have been enabled to do so by the following:

1. There are 800,000 mowers and reapers in use in the United States.

2. The average cost of mowing machines is \$125; of reaping machines, \$175.

3. The average life of a machine is five years; some will use a mower or reaper twenty years; but the average number of farmers buy a new machine once in five years.

4. Of the 800,000 machines, five-tenths are combined mowers and reapers, three-tenths single reapers.

5. Assuming that meadows yield one ton to an acre on an average, one man with a sickle will mow an acre a day.

6. With a sickle, a half-day's work is half an acre; with a cradle, in wheat, two acres; in rye, one and a half; in oats, two and a half; in barley, two and a half. It is possible, perhaps, that the average work with a cradle may be put half an acre higher than this.

7. A mowing machine will cut, on an average, ten acres, and a reaper will reap ten acres.

8. Six binders will keep up with a self-raking machine.

9. It is well settled that a mowing machine will cut cleaner and give more hay than a sickle. A reaping machine will also cut cleaner than a cradle or a sickle. I know of no experiments made with a view of accurately testing this difference, but I think it would not be over estimated at 5 per cent.

10. I estimate the total production of hay in the United States at 25,000,000 tons; the amount raised in New York at 4,000,000 tons.

11. I estimate that 15,000,000 acres were sown in wheat in the United States, 2,000,000 acres in rye, 900,000 acres in oats, 100,000 acres in barley, making an aggregate of 18,000,000 acres.

12. The average length of time occupied in securing the hay and grain, I estimate to be between six and seven weeks, in the United States.

13. It follows from this that the mowers and reapers in the United States disburse with the labor of about 200,000 men for about six or seven weeks in a year.

14. In point of fact, by the aid of harvesting machinery, the women of the country secured a greater number of the crops raised in the country during the war, without which it would have been impossible to have maintained our armies in the field. This labor, performed by the women, was not exhaustive of their physical strength or injurious to their health, nor did it impair their delicacy. Consistent mainly in sitting in a comfortable spring chair, and in riding about the field.

15. About 60,000 mowers and reapers are annually made in the United States for this and foreign markets.

SIXTH ANNUAL FAIR OF THE ADAMS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, TO BE HELD AT GETTYSBURG, ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, September 22d, 23d and 24th, 1868.

LIST OF PRIZES.

Horse and Mule Department.

Class 1.

Class 2.

Class 3.

Class 4.

Class 5.

Class 6.

Class 7.

Class 8.

Class 9.

Class 10.

Class 11.

Class 12.

Class 13.

Class 14.

Class 15.

Class 16.

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ALBUMS.

AND AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

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THE UNDERGROUND CONTINUES TO RUN HIS FREIGHT LINE TO BALTIMORE.

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